

Workshop

On

‘Border, Violence and Challenges to Identities’

(Kolkata, 20-23 December 2016),

Venue: Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS),
IB - 166 Sector III, Salt Lake. Kolkata - 700106

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December 20, 2016

Inaugural Session (Venue: Hotel Sojourn)

6.00 pm – 6.15 pm: Registration and Tea.

6.15 pm – 6.45 pm: Welcome Address.

6.45 pm – 7.30 pm: Public Lecture by Ranabir Samaddar, *Ecological Marginality and Floating Populations*.

Chair: Shalini Randeria.

7.30 pm onwards reception and dinner.

December 21, 2016

9.00 am - 9.30 am: Registration and Welcome Address

9.30 am -10.30 am: **Keynote** by Alessandro Monsutti, (Professor, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies) *Borders and the State: Mobilities in South Asia and Beyond*.

Chair: Prasanta Ray.

Rapporteur : Snehashish Mitra.

10.30 am – 11.00 am: Tea

11.00 am – 1.00 pm: **Beyond South Asia**

Speakers:

Arundhati Bhattacharya (Faculty, Diamond Harbour Women's University) *Venezuela and Columbia: Crisis in the Border*.

Daniela Arias (European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations) "*Working from what they already have, not from what they are missing*": *The Ongoing Challenges of Accompanying Migration Projects, Voices from the NGO Sector in Southern Spain*.

Lydia Potts (Professor, University of Oldenburg) *Gendered Borders of Europe*.

Anne McCall (Provost, Xavier University in New Orleans) *Immigrants, Invaders, and Insurgents: Of Collapsed Borders and Identity Crises in France*.

Chair: Ravi Palat.

Discussion initiated by Samata Biswas and Manish Jha.

Rapporteur – Shreya Sen.

1.00 pm – 2.00 pm: Lunch

2.00 pm – 3.30 pm: **Bengal Borders**

Speakers:

Shreya Sen (Research Scholar, Department of South and South East Asia, University of Calcutta) *Gender Dimensions of Internal Displacement along the West Bengal-Bangladesh Border – Glimpses from Malda and Khulna*.

Sahana Ghosh (Research Scholar, Yale University) "*No Risk, No Profit*": *Youth Aspirations, Border Violence, and Meanings of Work in the Bengal Borderlands*.

Sucharita Sengupta (Researcher, Calcutta Research Group) *Refugee Politics in West Bengal*.

Chair: Pushpendra.

Discussion initiated by Annu Jalais and Kaustubh Mani Sengupta.

Rapporteur - Mahanam Bhattacharjee Mithun.

3.30 pm – 4.00 pm: Tea

4.00 pm- 6.00 pm: **Disasters, Borders and the People** (A special panel organised by Tata Institute of Social Sciences)

Speakers:

Pushpendra (Professor and In-Charge, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Patna)

Manish Jha (Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai) and Ibrahim Wani (Research Scholar, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai) *The Marginal Migrant in the 'Migrant Crisis': Invention of Crisis in Europe, and the Discourse of Othering and Incapacitation*

K M Parivelan (Faculty, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai)

Mithilesh Kumar (Research Fellow, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Patna)

Jones Thomas Sparteagus (Research Scholar, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai) *Coastal Vulnerabilities : A Fisherfolk Perspective.*

Chair: Lydia Potts.

Discussion initiated by: Nasreen Chowdhory and Biswajit Mohanty.

Rapporteur: Arundhati Bhattacharya.

December 22, 2016

9.00 am - 9.30 am: Registration.

9.30 am – 11.00 am: **Statelessness and Citizenship in South Asia**

Anuradha Sen Mookerjee (Research Scholar, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies) *Changes in Border Policy and Border Identities: Post LBA Transformation in the Former Bangladeshi Enclaves in Cooch Behar, India.*

Nasreen Chowdhory (Department of Political Science, Delhi University) *Border Lives and the Idea of Citizenship: Some Theoretical Considerations*

Chair: Sibaji Pratim Basu.

Discussion initiated by Atig Ghosh.

Rapporteur – Anindita Ghoshal.

11.00 am – 11.30 am: Tea

11.30 am- 1.00 pm: **Frontiers of Northeast India**

Speakers:

Nirmal Mahato (Faculty, Gaur Banga University) *Mizoram, India's Eastern Borderland: Towards a History of Borderland Environment.*

Anindita Ghoshal (Faculty, Diamond Harbour University) *Homeland to Borderland: Contestation over Space and Livelihood in Tripura.*

Debarati Bagchi. (Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi) *The 'Movable' District: Carving out the Borders of Colonial Sylhet.*

Chair: K M Parivelan.

Discussion initiated by Shyamalendu Majumdar and Itty Abraham.

Rapporteur – Mithilesh Kumar.

1.00pm – 2.00 pm: Lunch

2.00 pm – 4.00pm: **Of Spaces and Places: New Territorialities and Lived Histories**

Speakers: Itty Abraham (Faculty, National University of Singapore) *Liquid Territorialities: The Next Frontier of Border Studies*.

Shalini Randeria (Professor, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies) *Entanglements of Space and Time*.

Padma Anagol (Professor, Cardiff University) *Elites and Homelands in the Indian Past: Dilemmas of 'us' and 'them' amongst Brahmin Migrant Women*.

Chair and Moderator : Samita Sen.

Rapporteur – Debarati Bagchi.

4.00 pm – 4.30 pm: Tea

4.30 pm: Film screening:

December 23, 2016

9.00 am - 9.30 am: Registration

9.30 am – 10.30am: Special Lecture by Pasi Saukkonen (City of Helsinki, Urban Facts) *The Challenge of International Migration to Nation-State Identities*.

Chair: Subhash Ranjan Chakrabarty.

Rapporteur – Daniela Arias.

10.30 am – 12.00 noon: **Borderlands and Environment**

Speakers:

Biswajit Mohanty (Faculty, University of Delhi) *Environment and Border: Privileging the Local*.

Annu Jalais (Faculty, National University of Singapore) *The Sundarbans Region in the Age of the Anthropocene*.

Chair: Byasdeb Dasgupta.

Discussion initiated by Rajat Ray and Madhurilata Basu

Rapporteur – Ibrahim Wani.

12 noon – 1.00 pm: Special panel on **Locating Borders** organized by Calcutta Research Group.

Speakers:

Subhash Ranjan Chakrabarty (Member, Calcutta Research Group)

Paula Banerjee (Director, Calcutta Research Group) *Border and Gender in South Asia.*

Iman Mitra (Post Doctoral Fellow, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata) *Translation, Exchange, and Border as Method.*

Chair: Padma Anagol.

Rapporteur - Jones Thomas Spartegus.

1.00 pm – 2.00 pm: Lunch.

2.00 pm – 3.30 pm: **Border Trade and Informal Economy**

Speakers :

Byasdeb Dasgupta, (Professor, University of Kalyani) *Border Economy and Informal Trade in the Context of Contemporary Global Capitalism.*

Mahalaya Chatterjee (Professor, University of Calcutta) *Border Economy, Urbanisation and Urban Development.*

Mahanam Bhattacharjee Mithun (European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations) *Cross Border Cattle Smuggling and Violence on Indo-Bangla Border.*

Chair:

Discussion initiated by Iman Mitra and Sahana Ghosh.

Rapporteur - Anuradha Sen Mookerjee.

3.30 pm – 4.00 pm: Tea.

4.00 pm – 5.30 pm: Concluding Remarks by Paula Banerjee (Director, Calcutta Research Group) followed by certification ceremony.

5.30 pm – 6.00 pm: Vote of Thanks.